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Application Number	09/272,303
Filing Date	March 19, 1999
First Named Inventor	Satoru TOMARU
Art Unit	1756
Examiner Name	Mr. Martin J. Angebrannt
Attorney Docket Number	32307-147486

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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In Re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Applicant(s) : Satoru TOMARU et al.

Appln. No. : 09/272,303

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For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING A MULTI-  
MODE OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE  
(As amended)

Atty. Dkt. : 32307-147486

**PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

A Final Office Action dated June 20, 2002 has been received. In order to obtain claim changes as a matter of right, a Request For Continued Examination and this Preliminary Amendment have been filed concurrently.

No fee is believed due. Please charge any fee deemed due to Deposit Account No. 22-0261 and advise us accordingly.

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Please amend the Application as follows.

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